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SUBJ: SPECIAL MILITARY CONCESSIONS FOR YOUNG VICTIMS  
OF JUNTA

1. GOG INTRODUCED JANUARY 9, AND PARLIAMENT UNANIMOUSLY  
ADOPTED SAME DAY, DECREE WITH SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS IN  
REGARD TO MILITARY OBLIGATION FOR YOUNG MEN WHO FROM AGE  
OF 15 YEARS AND OLDER WERE SUBJECTED TO VARIOUS TYPES  
OF PUNITIVE ACTION DURING JUNTA ERA.

2. MAJOR PROVISIONS OF BILL INCLUDE: A) GREEKS WHO WERE  
IN EXILE OR IMPRISONMENT FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS DURING  
JUNTA PERIOD ARE EXCUSED FROM FULL COMPULSORY 24 MONTHS OF  
MILITARY DUTY EXCEPT FOR THREE MONTHS OF BASIC TRAINING;

B) THOSE IMPRISONED OR EXILED LESS THAN TWO YEARS ARE  
ENTITLED TO TRADE-OFF OF UP TO EIGHTEEN MONTHS OF THEIR  
OBLIGATION; C) THOSE WHO SUFFERED OTHER INDIGNITIES,  
WITHOUT BEING IMPRISONED, SUCH AS DEPRIVATION OF  
CITIZENSHIP OR DENIAL OF PASSPORT, HAVE SIX MONTHS  
ELIMINATED FROM 24 MONTHS OBLIGATION, OR AS IN CASE OF  
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HEADS OF HOUSEHOLDS THREE MONTHS OFF OF 12 MONTHS. THIS

LATTER GROUP MUST PAY, HOWEVER, A SMALL FEE FOR THE MONTHS  
TAKEN OFF THEIR OBLIGATION. MINDEF AVEROFF, WHO PRESIDED  
OVER THE SOMETIMES ACRIMONIOUS DEBATE, WAS PARTICULARLY  
EMBARRASSED BY THIS PENURIOUS QUALIFICATION TO HIS BILL,  
BUT FINALLY ACCEPTED IT AND TWO OTHER AMENDMENTS.

3. DEPUTIES PRAISED THIS, THE FIRST MEASURE WHICH THEY  
HAVE ENACTED IN POST-ELECTION PARLIAMENT, AS A FITTING  
MEMORIAL TO YOUNG GREEKS WHO HAD OPPOSED JUNTA AND THEREBY  
SUFFERED AT ITS HANDS. SOME WILL ARGUE, HOWEVER, THAT THE  
ALLOWANCES ARE NOT PARTICULARLY GENEROUS. LONG BEFORE  
THE JUNTA, AND WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY DEGREE OF  
POLITICAL MARTYRDOM, GREEK MALES WERE ON OCCASION GRANTED  
EXEMPTIONS, PERPETUAL DEFERMENTS, AND THE RIGHT TO BUY OUT  
OF MILITARY SERVICE AT BARGAIN RATES.  
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